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Since this charge was an obvious error, we kindly request a prompt refund of \$180 to the deposit account of undersigned, no. 23-0975.

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